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Universal Video Speed

Keyboard shortcuts for controlling video playback speed on YouTube and Bilibili.

About

Universal Video Speed is a video speed control extension for YouTube and Bilibili that lets you change playback with single-key shortcuts. It is built for people who want faster keyboard control instead of hunting through player menus, and it also supports creator-specific defaults, smart video selection on pages with multiple players, and a badge that shows the active speed.

What is Universal Video Speed

Universal Video Speed is a Chrome extension that adds keyboard-driven speed control for online video playback. It focuses on YouTube and Bilibili, where it can change the

active video's rate with simple single-key shortcuts instead of on-screen menus. The extension is listed as version 0.1.2 and is offered by pipizhu in the Chrome Web Store.

The core idea is straightforward: press a shortcut, and the player speed changes immediately. The extension also keeps the current speed visible through the toolbar badge, so you can confirm the active rate without opening extra panels. For users who watch the same creators often, it can remember a preferred speed per YouTube channel or Bilibili creator.

Key features

Default keyboard shortcuts: preset keys map to common speeds:

- `1` for 1×
- `5` for 1.5×
- `7` for 1.75×
- `2` for 2×
- `3` for 3×

Custom shortcut mapping: you can replace the defaults with any supported single-key shortcut and assign playback rates from 0.25× up to 16×.

Creator-specific defaults: save a preferred speed for individual YouTube channels or Bilibili creators, then apply it automatically when you return.

Smart video selection: when a page has multiple videos, the extension weighs playback state, visibility, size, recent progress, and mute state to guess which one you are actually watching.

Toolbar status badge: the badge shows the current playback speed for the active video at a glance.

Input-safe shortcuts: shortcuts are ignored while you type, compose text, or hold modifier keys, which helps avoid clashes with normal page entry fields.

Privacy-first design: the publisher says there is no advertising, analytics, or tracking, and that it does not sell or share personal data.

How to use it

- Press one of the default single-key shortcuts to switch playback speed.
- If you want a different mapping, open the extension settings and assign your own shortcut-speed pairs.
- On a creator's video page, open the popup to detect the current creator and add or remove a creator default speed.
- Use the settings page to review or manage all saved creator rules.

Because the extension is keyboard-first, it is most useful when you want fast changes during long videos, lectures, commentary, or rewatching clips at a steady pace. The popup and settings pages provide the structure for customizing behavior beyond the presets.

Who it is for

Universal Video Speed is aimed at people who watch a lot of web video and want quicker control than standard player buttons provide. It fits well if you:

- use YouTube or Bilibili regularly
- switch speeds often while learning, skimming, or revisiting content
- prefer keyboard shortcuts over mouse clicks
- want different default speeds for different channels or creators
- watch pages where more than one video may appear and want the extension to pick the most likely active player

It is also a practical fit for viewers who like a consistent speed workflow across channels, since creator rules can reduce repetitive adjustment.

What to know before you use it

Universal Video Speed is not a general video-tool suite; the available source material only confirms support for YouTube and Bilibili. It does not claim broad compatibility with every streaming site, so if you need controls on other platforms, confirm support before relying on it.

The extension stores shortcuts and creator rules with Chrome Sync, so your preferences

That means the extension should be used where those site permissions make sense, not as an offline player controller.

The available listing does not mention captions, frame stepping, playlist management, download features, or hotkey customization beyond single-key speed shortcuts. It also does not provide evidence of a standalone mobile app or a desktop app.

The Chrome Web Store listing shows 0 ratings at the time of the source capture, so there is little public feedback to judge edge cases. For exact site behavior, current permissions, or policy details, the Chrome Web Store listing and the extension's privacy information are the most reliable references. Universal Video Speed is best used as a focused Chrome speed controller, especially when you need simple keyboard playback shortcuts on supported video pages.

FAQ

Is Universal Video Speed free?

Is Universal Video Speed free to use?

Which platforms does it work on?

Which platforms does it support?

How do the speed shortcuts work?

Can I change the default hotkeys?

Can I change the shortcut keys?

How do the keyboard shortcuts work?

Does it remember my preferred speed for specific creators?

Does it remember per-channel speed settings?

Can it remember a speed for specific creators?

Who is this extension best for?

Will the shortcuts interfere when I type on a page?

Does it interfere with typing in forms or comments?

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